

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE MEMORY OF TIM BAER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a remarkable political strategist and a superior human being, Mr. Tim Baer.

The Birmingham News recently described Tim as "a plainspoken political operative who helped the GOP take over the state's appellate courts."

Tim was born near Buffalo, New York, and was raised in Pompano Beach, Florida. However, he called Birmingham, Alabama, home for over 30 years.

In 1986, Tim directed a national GOP tele-marketing campaign in 19 states with Republican U.S. Senate candidates. In that year, no Republicans were serving on Alabama's appellate courts. In the following years, Mr. Baer individually managed the victorious campaigns of five Republican hopefuls for the state Supreme Court. He also worked voter identification for numerous Republican candidates in multiple election cycles.

Tim was probably best known for his service as the state of Alabama's Republican Party executive director. He also worked as director of field operations for the Business Council of Alabama, where he raised money for the group's political action committee, Progress PAC. He also served as an aide to former Probate Judge Mark Gaines, where he supervised Jefferson County elections.

In 2000, Tim was instrumental in the successful effort for Alabama Republicans to add to their very slim Supreme Court majority, an effort spearheaded by political consultant Karl Rove. Today, Republicans hold eight of the nine high court seats, due in large part to Tim's efforts.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout the state of Alabama. Tim Baer will be dearly missed by his family—his daughter, Katie Baer; his father, Chet Baer; his sister, Janice Mudd; as well as the countless loyal friends he leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

MAPLE GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2008

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Maple Grove Elementary School on their 130th Anniversary.

Maple Grove Elementary School is the neighborhood public elementary school at-

tended by my daughters. I am honored to recognize Maple Grove on achieving 130 years of service to the students, parents and community of Golden, Colorado.

Maple Grove is an outstanding elementary school with a rich history in this area. The students, teachers, administrators and parents involved with Maple Grove Elementary School are second to none.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Maple Grove Elementary School on their 130th Anniversary.

HONORING MARY PATTON FOR HER EFFORTS DURING THE REV- OLUTIONARY WAR

HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2008

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true Tennessee Volunteer. Mary McKeehan Patton was born in England and immigrated to Pennsylvania in the late 1760s. Mary Patton was an apprentice in Pennsylvania where she learned the trade of making gunpowder.

After giving birth to two children in Pennsylvania, Patton moved to the Overmountain region of North Carolina, which is now East Tennessee and part of the First District.

With help from her husband, Andrew Taylor, a private in the Pennsylvania militia, they started their own gunpowder mill on what became known as Powder Branch.

Mary Patton embodied the entrepreneurial spirit that many immigrants who come to America possess. She used this mill to supply gunpowder to militias during the Revolutionary War.

Patton's true Tennessee Volunteer spirit showed when she gave over five hundred pounds of gunpowder to the 850 Overmountain Men for the Battle of Kings Mountain during the Revolutionary War. Some say that this victorious battle over the British was a very influential part of the Revolutionary War, and to the eventual founding of our country.

On December 15, 1836, Mary Patton passed away and was buried at Patton-Simmons Cemetery, which is located in my district. The cemetery is located in the historic town of Elizabethton, Tennessee.

This Saturday, June 7, 2008 the Watauga Chapter Tennessee Sons of the American Revolution and The James Sevier Society of the Tennessee Children of the American Revolution will be hosting a memorial service at the grave of Mary Patton and will be honoring her for her efforts and role in the Revolutionary War.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring a true Tennessee Volunteer who embodies the entrepreneurial spirit that has made America the great country that we are today.

IN HONOR OF THE 2008 GRAD- UATING CLASS OF THE JAMES H. GROVES ADULT HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2008

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the 2008 Graduating Class of the James H. Groves Adult High School. These students have worked diligently to complete their education and are an excellent example of perseverance and dedication to the State of Delaware.

The James H. Groves Adult High School provides students who have officially withdrawn from high school the opportunity to earn a State of Delaware diploma and further their education. Additionally, the institution provides technical and workplace training to the citizens of Delaware. This institution carefully tailors their program to meet each individual's needs and help them receive their diploma in a timely and affordable manner. Graduates from James H. Groves Adult High School are provided with the foundational knowledge to achieve social, political, and economic independence so they may excel in a technological and global society.

The class of 2008 is comprised of forty-five graduates, twenty-three male and twenty-one female students. Their ages range between eighteen and fifty-eight years of age. Some of these students have been working diligently to achieve their diploma since 1999. One exemplary student has had a perfect attendance record for the three years she attended the institution, earning 8.5 credits towards her diploma. These citizens have toiled industriously and thoroughly to complete their high school education. The highest commendations should be awarded to this 44th graduating class of James H. Groves Adult High School.

I acknowledge the 2008 graduating class of James H. Groves Adult High School for their commitment to finishing their education and the exceptional example they provide to all citizens seeking to complete their high school education. The James H. Groves Adult High School is extremely proud of their graduates and I am confident they shall go on to perform outstanding in their fields and become a vital part of the workforce of Delaware.

HONORING EMD SERONO FOR RE- CEIVING A GOLD MEDAL AS A LAUREATE OF THE COMPUTER WORLD HONORS PROGRAM

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2008

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor EMD Serono, headquartered in

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